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(U) The GCOB recently concluded a "successful round" of preliminary negotiations to define maritime boundaries with Cuba, according to a Ministry of Foreign Affairs statement. The discussions began in Havana June 10. Technical experts also discussed other maritime legal issues in the context of sea boundary delimitation, including search and rescue missions, illegal trafficking of drugs and migrants, management of trans-boundary resources, such as fisheries and oil and gas, and scientific research cooperation. A further round of discussions with Cuba is expected "within months". According to the statement, The Bahamas "will eventually pursue boundary negotiations" with the U.S., the United Kingdom on behalf of the Turks & Caicos Islands, and Haiti.

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